

I would like to join the consumers who oppose NAB's petition 04-160. After moving from Vermont to Maryland nine years ago, I was initially thrilled with the choices that I now had for radio stations. After a few years I became very bored with what I was hearing (the same music at the same time every day), so I was constantly trying to improve my music options. When I was told about satellite radio, it seemed too good to be true! However, after being a subscriber for a year, I can say that it has finally given me the choices that I only dreamed about before. Not only is the variety endless, but I was thrilled when they were able to add the instant traffic and weather channels this year. I must say that I was concerned when I saw that some of the large companies that own fm stations were also investors in satellite radio. This worries me greatly because I fear that they will try to destroy the variety that can be found on satellite radio in the same way they did with fm music. I strongly oppose any attempt to restrict satellite radio programing. I feel that it is an idea that I wish I could have enjoyed for a long time.

Sincerely,

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